Altona 28th Aug. 1868.

Dear Sir,

I am very obliged to You for Your kind letter and especially for the help, which You will afford me by publishing the text of a Cuban Hepaticologia. I intended formerly to publish an Hepaticologia of the Antilles together with Venezuela and I have collected for this purpose till now, I have got by Professor Schimper the Collection of Dr. L'Herminier (Guadeloupe) and by Mr. Husnot his Collection from the French Antilles, which I now have named, still I am much more contented to give the Cuban part alone in the form like that of Lindig's Hor. Novo Granatensis. You will see by the inclosed list, (of Dr. Wright's Hepaticae that a great deal is done, only the Lejeuniae especially the minute forms which run together with others upon leaves and bark will give me still some trouble. All the new species (n. sp in the list) exist really with their complete dissections in drawings (of the outline), which I carefully made through the prisma and perhaps I will have the time to copy as much of them as could be useful for illustrating the species; but of the text I have made till now not a line, as Mr Sullivant did not write a word thereabout. Still I hope to get ready in time, and I shall do all my possible to give no impediment to the publication of this work.

As for the Venezuela-Hepaticae of Mr. Fendler I am not able to give a list, because Mr. Sullivant presented them to me with the condition to return a specimen of all, what I had named, without any mention of a list or a sort of memoir; I have done after the command, but for the moment this collection is packed up, because my rooms have been painted. I have made also many drawings of them, but these are now dispersed in my collection of drawings, of which I have not yet a perfect list, so I would be-

obliged to search through some thousand drawings to find these names. As for the Cuban forms I have the novae species partly in my books, but I can find them by my list immediatly, and what is not yet finished, is put separately, for instance the Lejeuniae.

I have have been at Paris for some months 1887 especially to compare the Collection of Montagne, and I have perused all books belonging to Hepaticae in the Bibliotheca Delessert, so that I am acquainted as far as possible with the species published, excepted some of Mr Mitten of Africa.

As I suppose, that You will stay only for some time at Kew Gardens, I should beg You, that You would favour me with Your adress in America; Your letter will always reach me, if You only put Dr Gottsche Altona (near Hamburg.

Dear Sir, with much respect

Yours very truly

Dr Gottsche.